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**SUBJECT:** FY2007 REVISED FARM BILL PROGRAM DUE DATES

**Purpose:** To provide revised due dates for actions relating to FY2007 Farm Bill Activities

**Expiration Date.** September 30, 2007.

Attached is the Revised FY 2007 Farm Bill Program Due Date Calendar. Dates revised are as follows:

EQIP: January 20, 2007 for applications to be pre-approved or approved for funding

WHIP: January 31, 2007 Extension of WHIP ranking cutoff period  
February – March 2007 Ranking applications in ProTracts  
March 2, 2007 for applications to be pre-approved or approved for funding  
March 23, 2007 for contracts to be developed

CIG: January 26, 2007 Review of applications and send letters of review  
February 2, 2007 Submission of proposals to NHQ deadline  
June 2007 Award grants/formal announcement

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Leader - Programs

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### FY2007 FARM BILL PROGRAM DUE DATES

Program	Activity	Responsibility of	FY07 Due Dates
<b>Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP General, GSWC, Klamath)</b>	State – complete EQIP ranking evaluation and send comments to National	Peplin	Completed
	Debrief OTAC on 2006 application and evaluation process	Leader - Programs	May 11, 2006
	Establish Oregon FY07 EQIP cut off and ranking dates	Peplin, White, BTL	April
	State Office initiates programmatic QAR	Leader - Programs	May - July
	Field Office – Review with LWG ranking tool criteria and resource concerns	DC	May - June
	Field Office – Review with LWG Structural and management practices	DC	June - July
	Statewide guidance & training on use of the ranking tool and state ranking criteria	Peplin, White, BTL	July - August
	Basins – Convenes the Basin Working Group to discuss resource issues, practices, and cost share rates	Basin Team Leaders	July – September 15
	State – Meet with OTAC to review resource issues, practices, and ranking	Leader - Programs	July - August
	State – reviews and evaluates practice cost list, components and units	Gordon, Peplin	June - July
	Basins – analyze and revise practice cost list.	BTL, DC	August
	State – receive cost list justification from Basins and compile list	Gordon, Peplin	August 1, 2006
	State – Updates costs lists for eligible practices for ranking and send to Basins for Review	Gordon	September 1, 2006
	Basins make final comment and adjustments to the cost list	Basin Team Leaders	September 15, 2006
	Web posting of FY07 Oregon EQIP Information completed	Leader - Programs	October 1, 2006
	Allocate FY07 funds within Oregon	Leader - Programs	November 15, 2006
	End of initial FY07 EQIP ranking period. (All basins to use this date or set an earlier date.)	Basin Team Leaders	November 30, 2006
	Rank Applications in Protracts	Field Offices	January
	<b>Applications pre-approved or approved for funding in Protracts</b>	<b>Basin Team Leaders</b>	<b>January 20, 2007</b>
	Contract development	Basin Team Leaders	February
	Notify State Office of un-obligated funds	Basin Team Leaders	April 1, 2007
	All FY07 EQIP contracts obligated in Protracts	Basin Team Leaders	May 1, 2007
	Spot checks for verification of Limited Resource and Beginning Farmers & Ranchers	Davis	May 1, 2007
	State Office initiates programmatic QAR	Leader - Programs	May – July 2007

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<b>Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)</b>	Develop WHIP protocol for Oregon	Peplin, White	Completed
	Establish OTAC WHIP subcommittee to provide advice in the implementation of WHIP	Peplin	March - August
	Establish Oregon FY07 WHIP cut off and ranking dates	Peplin, White, BTL	June
	State posts 2007 WHIP State plan	Peplin	July
	State Office initiates programmatic QAR	Leader - Programs	May - August
	Field Office – Review with LWG wildlife issues and opportunities	DC	August - September
	State develops state issue questions for ranking	Peplin, OTAC sub-committee	July - August
	Basins – Convenes the Basin Working Group to discuss wild life issues	Basin Team Leaders	July – September 15th
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	State completes state practice cost list, components and units	Gordon, Peplin, Borine, Virgovic	July - August
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	Allocate FY07 funds within Oregon	Leader - Programs	November 15, 2006
	End of initial FY07 WHIP ranking period. All basins to use this date or set an earlier date.)	Basin Team Leaders	November 30, 2006
	<b>End of FINAL FY07 WHIP ranking period.</b>	<b>Field Offices</b>	<b>January 31, 2007</b>
	<b>Rank Applications in Protracts</b>	<b>Field Offices</b>	<b>January - March</b>
	<b>Applications pre-approved or approved for funding in Protracts</b>	<b>Basin Team Leaders</b>	<b>March 2, 2007</b>
	<b>Contract development</b>	<b>Basin Team Leaders</b>	<b>March 23</b>
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<b>Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative Grants</b>	Present and post information on grant requirements	Peplin, Public Affairs	Nov- Dec 2006
	Submittal of applications received	Peplin	March 2007
	Assemble OTAC review team/review grants	Peplin, OTAC	March
	Present qualified applicants to SC for review	Peplin	March
	Send qualified applications to National	Peplin	March - April
	Award Grants/formal announcement	National	May - June
	Develop grant agreements	Martin	July - Aug
	Identify technical and Federal grant reviewer	Peplin	July - Aug
	Perform annual status review on 2006 grants	Technical Reviewer	August - September
	Submittal of annual performance report	Technical Reviewer	August - September
<b>Conservation Innovative Grants</b>	Present and post information on grant requirements	Peplin, Public Affairs	Nov- Dec 2006
	<b>Review of applications and send letter of review</b>	<b>Peplin, SC</b>	<b>January 26, 2007</b>
	<b>Proposal Deadline to NHQ</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>February 2, 2007</b>
	<b>Award Grants/formal announcement</b>	<b>NHQ</b>	<b>June</b>
	Develop grant agreements	<b>NHQ</b>	July - Aug
	Identify technical grant reviewer	Peplin	July - Aug
	Perform annual status review on 2006 grants	Technical Reviewer	August - September
	Submittal of annual performance report	Technical Reviewer	August - September
<b>Grazing Lands Initiative Grants</b>	Present and post information on grant requirements	Peplin, Public Affairs	Nov- Dec 2006
	Review of applications	Peplin, STC	February - March 2007
	Letter of reviews sent to applicants	Peplin	March
	Award Grants/formal announcement	National	June - July
	Develop grant agreements	Martin	July - Aug
	Identify technical and Federal grant reviewer	Peplin	July - Aug
	Perform annual status review on 2006 grants	Technical Reviewer	August - September
	Submittal of annual performance report	Technical Reviewer	August - September

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<b>Conservation Security Program (CSP)</b>	04, 05, 06 Contract modifications completed	Basins	September 15, 2006
	04, 05, 06 CSP status reviews completed	Basins	September 30, 2006
	07 CSP Watershed Announcement	Public Affairs	August 15, 2006
	CSP Cost List and enhancement List	State Office, Basins	October - November
	Field Office Training	State Office	November - January
	Outreach	Public Affairs	January – February 2007
	Sign ups	Basins	March - April
	Application Process	Basins	April – May
	Contract Development	Basins	June
	Contract Approval	Basins	June - July
	Contract Payments	Basins	July
<b>Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP)</b>	Submit state plan to NHQ	White	December 2006
	Announce national request for proposals	White	April 2007
	Review proposals and commence site visits	Fife, White	June 2007
	Proposal selection	White	June 2007
	Obligate funds via cooperative agreement	Fife	September 15, 2007
	Status Reviews	Fife, Peplin	September 2007
	Easement closing progress report	Fife	monthly
<b>Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)</b>	Complete FY 07 WRP applications	Fife	November 30 , 2006
	WRP Tech Advisory Committee Meeting	State Office	December 15, 2006
	Review and select proposals	White	January – February 2007
	WRP funds obligated	Fife	June 1, 2007
	Easement status reviews completed	Basins	September 15, 2007
	Easement closing & Progress Report	Fife	Monthly
<b>Food Security Act (FSA) Compliance</b>	Field office complete and submit HEL / Wetland determination log	Basins	June, 2006
	Compile HEL/Wetland Determination report and submit to STC	Peplin	August, 2006
	Conservation Compliance status reviews data provided to field	Program Assistant	January 2007
	Conservation Compliance Status Reviews completed	CCSR Basin Leads	November 2007
	Bi-annual joint meeting FSA/ NRCS	Peplin	March, August

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Conservation Reserve Program	Complete and review CREP trip report	NRCS state office	September, 2006
	Establish CREP guidelines and work with Field Offices	Ziegler	On going
	Bi-annual joint meeting FSA/ NRCS	Ziegler	March, August